

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## BUSINESS.

Discount rates were 1 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing, \$1,782,296; balance, \$2,771. New York exchange, 40c discount bid, 40c discount asked; Louisville, 25c discount bid, 25c discount asked; Chicago, 40c discount bid, 25c discount asked; New Orleans, 25c discount bid, 25c discount asked; Cincinnati, 25c discount bid, 25c discount asked.

The local wheat market closed higher at 65c a bushel, Dec. 1, 1900, 65c; Dec. 2, 1900, 65c; Dec. 3, 1900, 65c; Dec. 4, 1900, 65c; Dec. 5, 1900, 65c; Dec. 6, 1900, 65c; Dec. 7, 1900, 65c; Dec. 8, 1900, 65c; Dec. 9, 1900, 65c; Dec. 10, 1900, 65c; Dec. 11, 1900, 65c; Dec. 12, 1900, 65c; Dec. 13, 1900, 65c; Dec. 14, 1900, 65c; Dec. 15, 1900, 65c; Dec. 16, 1900, 65c; Dec. 17, 1900, 65c; Dec. 18, 1900, 65c; Dec. 19, 1900, 65c; Dec. 20, 1900, 65c; Dec. 21, 1900, 65c; Dec. 22, 1900, 65c; Dec. 23, 1900, 65c; Dec. 24, 1900, 65c; Dec. 25, 1900, 65c; Dec. 26, 1900, 65c; Dec. 27, 1900, 65c; Dec. 28, 1900, 65c; Dec. 29, 1900, 65c; Dec. 30, 1900, 65c; Dec. 31, 1900, 65c.

The local market for standard mess pork closed slow at 12 1/2c for E. side.

The local spot cotton market closed steady.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

City Councilors and Aldermen from Southern Illinois will attend the convention of such officials at Peoria, which opens to-day.

Property owners are opposing the widening of Manchester street at Ellisville. Mayor-elect Dickmann will announce his appointments on December 15.

The fight over the Pattonburg, Mo., post office has been revived.

State Senator Clay announces himself in favor of franchise taxation and labor arbitration.

A warrant has been issued against Mrs. Etta Riley, who shot her husband.

The Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association's collections show an increase of 25 per cent over results of last year.

Mrs. Joel, who was struck by a street car Sunday, is in a serious condition at Mayfield Sanitarium annex.

Malvyn Niles's refusal to live with his wife's parents caused him and her to become separated.

Citizens cause the arrest of a Transit conductor on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Houlahan, who was assaulted by William O'Neill, is reported in a serious condition.

Great interest is manifested in to-night's World's Fair meeting.

The December Grand Jury was impeached by Judge Ferris. Isaac W. Morton is foreman.

Burglars entered Weather Forecaster Hyatt's home and carried away his dress suit.

Miss Maude Odell, leading lady at the Imperial, will leave the company December 15.

Robbers stopped three Union Station newsboys and snatched from them when they failed to find money in the boys' pockets.

The Kirkwood Board of Aldermen granted a saloon license. If the saloon is established it will be the first one in twenty-five years in the town proper.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Fannin public school of Houston, Tex., burned yesterday, the 300 children escaping without accident.

"Fate" Bain, former Deputy Sheriff, was burned alive by murderers at Dallas, Tex., yesterday. His clothes were saturated with turpentine. Revenge is the supposed motive. A lynching is threatened if the right parties are caught.

The United States Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Missouri in the case of the Washburn & Moen company versus Peter Tourville of St. Louis.

The President submitted his message to Congress. Republican and Democratic members in Washington agree that it contains no new statements or recommendations that had not been anticipated.

The Department of State is investigating the report that Great Britain is negotiating with Nicaragua for a treaty. It is stated that, in case Nicaragua acts in bad faith with the United States in the canal matter, the old Panama route may yet be chosen.

Missouri Senators and Congressmen have taken up their duties at the national capital, and all are busy with pet projects for the promotion of general or local interests of their State.

The Grouse bill will come up in the House Thursday. The oleomargarine interests, as well as a considerable minority in the House and Senate, are endeavoring to wage a bitter fight on the measure.

According to a decision of the court and a private agreement just consummated, the Countess de Castellane will be allowed an income of only \$250,000 a year for expenses, the remainder of her income being turned over to creditors of her husband, the Count de Castellane.

The White River Methodist Conference at Jonesboro, Ark., has made its appointments and adjourned.

James Wells was accidentally shot by his brother-in-law while they were out hunting. He will lose the sight of both eyes.

The Pikers' annual banquet will be held at Leutslans, Mo., on December 27.

Two Illinois counties want Congress to build a drainage canal to carry off surface water.

Republican Senators decide to make ship subsidy bill the unfinished business in the Senate, displacing the Spooner Philippine bill.

Army reorganization bill introduced in the House. Chairman Hull expects it to be passed this week.

Lave-stock show opens at Chicago.

Five persons killed in a boiler explosion at Chicago.

W. C. T. U. National Convention opens at Washington, D. C.

FOREIGN.

Kruger's European mission is regarded by diplomats as a failure.

Princess Poniatski is making things lively in turf circles on the coast. The newly organized San Francisco Jockey Club yesterday bought out Corriean and Ulman and it is likely that the Ingleside track will be reopened.

ST. CUTHBERT ENDED THE COAST RECORD FOR SIX FURLOMS AT OAKLAND YESTERDAY, WINNING FROM A SPLITFIELD IN 1:12 1/4.

RAILROADS.

The United States Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in the Minnesota land taxation case.

The Choctaw will extend its lines into Texas.

The funeral of J. J. Fletcher will take place at Indianapolis to-morrow.

The first annual convention of the Railroad Trackmen of America is being held in St. Louis.

General Manager Turner of the Vandalla says he will not succeed J. F. Miller as general superintendent of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg.

The Lackawanna road will make improvements to shorten its line.

The Lake Shore is testing steel ties made of old tracks.

The Chicago and Alton has a new signal system in operation.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, Dec. 2.—Arrived: Potsdam, Rotterdam; Welmar, Arrived.

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Sydney, New South Wales, Dec. 2.—Sailed: Alameda, San Francisco via Auckland, Apsia and Honolulu.

To Work for Oklahoma Statehood.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 2.—William H. Bowman of Guthrie, Ok., is in the city to watch legislation affecting that Territory. He is especially interested in the proposition to give statehood to Oklahoma.

128 Boarding Places

Advertised in to-day's Republic.

## CHINESE GOVERNOR PONTIACED VICTIMS.

Massacred, With His Own Hands, Nearly Three Hundred Foreigners and Natives.

## LI SENDS HIM A SILK CORD.

This is an Intimation That He Must Hang Himself—Encouraging Outlook for Agreement with the Powers.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—A special dispatch from China to the Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the Province of Shan-Si. The first victims, the dispatch says, were a Catholic Bishop and his coadjutors and four European priests, Franciscans, Italian and French.

The Governor invited them to his house, pretending to give them better protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. Then the Governor posted them to the execution ground.

The story of these murders directly implicated Yu Hsein, then Governor of Shan-Si. As announced in the Pekin dispatches of the Associated Press, of Saturday last, members of Li Hung Chang's staff say the Chinese Emperor will probably send Yu Hsein a silk cord, which is an intimation that he must hang himself.

A number of the reports have been published of the details being too horrible for publication. Men, women and children were butchered.

Fifteen seminary students, who had hidden themselves in a cistern, were the dispatch says, tied to stakes and forced to drink the blood of the first victims. They were then killed.

A Chinese priest and two Christians, who attempted to escape, were caught and put in a small hut, where they were burned.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 2.—If the negotiations in progress between the Powers with respect to the Chinese situation result in a satisfactory solution of the Chinese problem, it will be the outcome.

None of the authorities will discuss the character of the proposals under discussion by the Powers, but it is said the outlook is most encouraging and that this is due to the recent note of Secretary Hay urging moderation in the demands, especially in the matter of punishment and indemnity.

Secretary Hay is anxious that only demands shall be formulated which China can comply with and to his gratification the apparent disposition on the part of all the Powers, even Germany, is to moderate the severe penalties imposed by the Ministers in Pekin.

It seems certain that none of the Chinese will be executed, but what the punishment will be has not yet been determined. Once the punishment is decided, the Chinese will be able to act in harmony with respect to the indemnity feature of the matter, and if it be not possible to agree, then this Government will strenuously urge that the Hague Court of Arbitration be empowered to pass upon it.

ENVOYS MEET TO-DAY.

Pekin, Dec. 2.—All the foreign envoys have now been called from the Government regarding the joint note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries and a meeting will be held to-morrow. The envoys are not communicative, but enough is known with reference to the objections of different Governments to make it seem probable that the meeting will have a satisfactory conclusion.

Both sides are anxiously awaiting the demands of the Powers. They declare that China desires peace at any price commensurate with the dignity of an independent nation, but they point out that so long as a large number of Chinese are being killed, the problem will be harder to solve.

The missionaries and others who went through the siege protest bitterly against any suggestion of leniency. They urge particularly that those who are high in office and who are really responsible for the outrages to foreigners should be executed.

And they insist that a sufficient force should be kept in China to guarantee order and that the Chinese should be independent of the Chinese, declaring that the Chinese are a repetition of the troubles is inevitable.

SPECULATOR SUES BROKERS.

Claims That He Was Kept Out of Profits Due Him.

J. W. Bittner has entered suit in Justice Hanley's court against the Cella Commission Company, asking judgment for \$500 for alleged breach of contract.

The Cella Commission Company is engaged in stock-broking at No. 26 North Fourth street. Bittner alleges that on September 20 he sold the company stock for him 100 shares of People's Gas stock at a certain quotation which was listed on the blackboard as the New York quotation, and on which he deposited a margin of \$100.

Five days after the price of the stock had advanced to \$1.50, Bittner demanded that the company close out the deal. This, he alleges, the company refused to do, and he demanded that the company deliver the actual stocks sold. He delayed closing out the deal until the price of the stock had advanced to \$2.50, and then he demanded that the company deliver the actual stocks in which he had speculated. He alleges that the company never before or since has delivered to him the actual delivery of stocks bought or sold.

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